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SUBJECT: SLT: US QUESTIONS RE NORWAY'S SUBMISSION ON

-- ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

-- SOURCES.

OECD: PLEASE PASS TO MR. KEN PRICE OF THE IEA SECRETARIAT
AND MR. BJORN BARTH, NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO THE OECD.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THE
NORWEGIAN REPLY TO THE IEA QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE ACCELERATED
DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES:

1. WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR THE PROJECTED INCREASE IN ENERGY
CONSUMPTION OF 3.4 PERCENT ANNUALLY FOR 1974-80 AND 3.3
PERCENT ANNUALLY FOR 1980-85 AND THE INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY
CONSUMPTION BY 32 PERCENT FROM 1974-80? DO THESE FIGURES
TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE EFFECT OF CONSERVATION MEASURES? IS
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IT POSSIBLE TO RECEIVE A SUMMARY OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY

PLAN AS SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT.

2. ARE THERE NO LONG TERM PROGRAMS FOR THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY OR INCREASED USE OF HYDRO-POWER? A MAJOR INCREASE IN COAL PRODUCTION FROM 420,000 TONS A YEAR IN 1975 TO 1,400,000 TONS A YEAR IN 1980 IS INDICATED UNDER BASIC DATA. WHAT PROJECTS ARE PLANNED WHICH WILL ACCOUNT FOR THIS

INCREASED PRODUCTION AND WILL THE EXTRA COAL BE EXPORTED OR USED TO SUPPLY DOMESTIC NEEDS.

3. WHAT IS BEING DONE WITH THE NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE NORTH SEA? WHAT PROBLEMS ARE ENVISIONED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THIS FUEL? WHAT REGULATIONS ARE IN EXISTENCE CONCERNING ITS PRODUCTION AND USE.

4. PLEASE PROVIDE TOTAL AND PROGRAM FINANCING FOR ENERGY R&D.

5. ARE THERE PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HYDRO-POWER PLANTS OR NON-HYDRO POWER PLANTS?

6. DO YOU HAVE STRONG LOCAL OPPOSITION TO THE SITING OF ENERGY FACILITIES? PLEASE ELABORATE ON THE METHOD OF POLICY COORDINATION BETWEEN LOCAL AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES ON THIS MATTER.

7. PLEASE ELABORATE ON PROVISIONS DEVELOPED TO ASSIST IN THE CONTINUED PROFITABILITY OF MARGINAL OIL FIELDS.

8. WHAT ARE THE CONSTRAINTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL GAS, COAL, LIGNITE AND URANIUM? HOW ARE THEY BEING OVERCOME?

9. DO YOU ENVISION SHORTAGES IN MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT SUCH AS OFFSHORE PLATFORMS (MOBILE AND FIXED).

10. HOW ARE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ENERGY FACILITIES DETERMINED AND ENACTED? IS THERE ANY SERIOUS OPPOSITION TO OFF-SHORE OIL DRILLING. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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11. WHAT POLICY GUIDELINES WILL GOVERN CONFLICTING DEMANDS FOR MANPOWER IN VIEW OF THE LARGE INCREASE IN ENERGY INVESTMENT?

12. PLEASE PROVIDE IF AVAILABLE, ACTUAL FIGURES FOR TOTAL FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE ENERGY SECTOR. HAVE NO PUBLIC FUNDS OR PRIVATE INVESTMENTS BEEN USED BY

NORWAY IN DEVELOPING ENERGY SOURCES IN OTHER COUNTRIES?

13. IS FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION
EXCLUDED AS A MATTER OF POLICY?

14. PLEASE ELABORATE ON NORWAY'S POLICY TOWARD FOREIGN
COMPANIES INVESTMENT IN ITS ENERGY SECTOR. WHAT PERCENTAGE
OF TOTAL ENERGY INVESTMENT IS PROVIDED BY FOREIGN INVEST-
MENT? DOES NORWAY MAKE ANY DISTINCTION AMONG COUNTRIES
IN GRANTING LICENSES TO HELP DEVELOP ENERGY SOURCES?

15. WHAT MECHANISM IS USED TO SET MAXIMUM PRICES FOR
CERTAIN IMPORTED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AS INDICATED UNDER
CRITERION 12.

16. WILL PETROLEUM PRODUCTION ACTUALLY DROP FROM 57
MILLION TOE ANNUALLY TO 27 MILLION TOE FROM 1980 TO 1985
AS INDICATED UNDER BASIC DATA? DO THE FIGURES ON ULTI-
MATELY RECOVERABLE RESERVES INCLUDE THOSE OF PROVEN
CONVENTIONAL RESERVES?

17. PLEASE PROVIDE ENERGY BALANCE TABLES. SISCO

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